IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff,

8:18-CR-358

vs.

TAMMY O'NEILL,

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court on the United States Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 38). Count I of the indictment in this case (filing 1) charged the defendant with knowingly and intentionally distributing or possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine (actual), its salts, isomers, or salts of its isomers, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841. The indictment also contained a forfeiture allegation seeking forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$4,506 in United States currency seized from the defendant's residence on or about November 15, 2018, on the basis that it was acquired, maintained or used in the violation alleged in Count I. Filing 1, filing 38.

The defendant has pleaded guilty to Count I of the indictment and admitted the forfeiture allegation. Filing 37 at 19. By virtue of pleading guilty to the charge and admitting the forfeiture allegation, the defendant has forfeited her interest in the property, and the plaintiff should be entitled to possession of the property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853. Therefore, the plaintiff's motion for preliminary order of forfeiture is granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (filing 38) is granted.
- 2. Based upon the defendant's guilty plea and admission of the forfeiture allegation of the indictment, the plaintiff is authorized to seize the \$4,506 in United States currency.
- 3. The defendant's interest in the property is forfeited to the plaintiff for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853.
- 4. The property is to be held by the plaintiff in its secure custody and control.
- 5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the plaintiff shall publish for at least 30 consecutive days on an official Internet government forfeiture site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this order, notice of publication evidencing the plaintiff's intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in the property must file a petition with the Court within 30 days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

6. Such published notice shall state that the petition referred to in paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and relief sought.

7. The plaintiff may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a final order of forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2019.

BY THE COURT:

phn M. Gerrard

thief United States District Judge